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Applicant: Michael Herman Koch et al.

Title: FABRICATION OF ZINC OXIDE
FILMS ON NON-PLANAR
SUBSTRATES AND THE USE
THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003,
concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for claims 8, 17 and 18,
the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are
shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

F1

8. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the fiber
is an optical fiber.

F2

17. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a substantially
continuous circumferential coating on a fiber having a length and a width and an
exposed external circumferential surface, said method comprising the steps of: